

Miami-Dade County
The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council (SEDC)

Dr. Raul Moncarz, Chairman
Monthly Meeting
Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW First Street, 10th Floor CITT Conference Room
February 26, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Approval of Meeting Agenda

II. Board Members Present:

Dr. Thomas Breslin; Dr. Maria Dolores Espino; Marcos A. Kerbel (arrived at 3:00 pm); Santiago Leon (arrived at 3:00 pm); Dr. Kenneth Lipner; Jose A. Lopez-Calleja (arrived at 2:20 pm); Dr. Elisa S. Moncarz; Dr. Raul Moncarz; Dr. Pedro F. Pellet; Roberto Saco; Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo; and Dr. Robert Cruz

Members Excused:

Subrata Basu; Mr. Jesus Permuy; Dr. Brian Peterson; Reinaldo Valdes; Dr. Bernadette West; Juliana Velez; and Retha Boone

Members Absent without Excuse:

Dr. Alexandra Cornelius

Staff Present:

Robert Hesler and Helen Rodriguez

III. Approval of the Minutes – January 22, 2016

Dr. Thomas Breslin moved the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections from Dr. Breslin; Dr. Pellet and Roberto Saco. **Dr. Maria Dolores Espino** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

IV. Chairperson's Report – Dr. Raul Moncarz

Dr. Moncarz stated he would like to see a future item for discussion on traffic gridlock. Also stated that Dr. Salazar published a book recently and everyone should read it. He also stated that both Dr. Salazar and Mr. Saco send staff information on these two events to be emailed to the Council.

Dr. Jorge Salazar-Carrillo: Stated that there will be a presentation at Miami-Dade College at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd of March, 2016 and welcomed all Council members to attend.

Roberto Saco: Stated there is going to be a presentation of Mr. Medina regarding entrepreneurship and technology next Thursday at Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus their idea center and it is one of their talks and lectures if Council members would like to attend.

V. General Discussion Items

➤ **Economic Impact of the Education/Higher Ed. Cluster – Dr. Thomas Breslin**

The full council discussed this item and the change of focus to the general socioeconomic impact of education. This will still include the impact from overreliance on adjuncts among other factors.

Dr. Thomas Breslin: He stated that he will provide additional information to the Steering Committee.

➤ **Economic Impact on Cuban Migrants – Ms. Natalie Milian, Director, Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board she works with Retha Boone**

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- **State Legislature Anti-Sanctuary Bills:** The council requested quantitative data on the local costs of requiring a local police to act as ICE agents in verifying immigration status upon any interactions with the public.

Mr. Jose Diaz: Stated he will try to provide this information prior to the Steering Committee meeting on March 11th, 2016.

- **Cuban Migration:** The Council discussed Mr. Diaz's request to study the impacts of a potentially large wave of Cuban migrants, or others, arriving in Miami-Dade. There was interest on the part of the Council. It will be discussed further at the Steering Committee meeting on March 11th, 2016.

➤ **Affordable Housing – Community Land Trust - Discussion**

Dr. Raul Moncarz: Stated that the primary discussion on this item will be deferred until Dr. Peterson is in attendance. There was a request for additional data on the experience of Land Trusts in highly urbanized areas like Miami-Dade.

➤ **The Miami Allapattah Research Zone (MARZ) - Discussion**

There was discussion among the Council members about the next steps in the promotion of the concept deferred until Dr. Peterson is in attendance.

➤ **New Business/Issues of Interest**

1. **How can Miami-Dade County make the immigrant experience better?** Discussion among the Council members was suggested to take place at the next Steering Committee meeting of March 11th, 2016. Also Council could study wage theft as it related to illegal immigrants and Council should pursue funding for small contracts for research – i.e. \$3,000, \$5,000 and Dr. Kenneth Lipner brought up the income disparity issues to be discussed by the Council members.
2. **Food for the Soul:** It was suggested by the Council members that Santiago Leon get input on the Miami Children's Initiative (like the Harlem Children's Zone) such as a target area for children's needs and invite a speaker to the next Council meeting. Mr. Leon will follow up with this prior the Steering Committee meeting of March 11th, 2016.
3. **Exploitative Wages:** The Council should study wages of universities, non-profits and Miami-Dade and continue to push for improved wages at the lowest end. Staff will provide a summary of County wage data at the Steering Committee.
4. **Resiliency:** The Council wants to be sure to follow up over time with Mr. Murley and resiliency efforts.

➤ **Public Comments**

➤ **ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.**

Dr. Thomas Breslin moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. **Santiago Leon** seconded the motion. Motion was approved by group vote.

Next SEDC Council Meeting Date: **March 25, 2016. Committees: March 11, 2016.**

The Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council Mission

To improve the quality of life of all residents of Miami Dade County by providing the County Commission and Mayor with timely, objective, transparent, and thoughtful advice on significant social and economic issues. The Council aims to pursue a balanced perspective among economic development, social justice, and environmental sustainability, both in the short and long term.